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SUBJECT: CHILEAN "CIVIC FRONT" WRITES PRESIDENT CARTER

1. DECEMBER 26 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED AN OPEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNED BY SEVERAL DOZEN PRO-GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF GUILDS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (ORIGINAL BEING SENT ARA/AND UNDER TRANSMITTAL SLIP). THE LETTER ACCUSES THE USG OF KEEPING BAD COMPANY IN VOTING FOR A UN RESOLUTION WHICH "MEDDLES IN INTERNAL CHILEAN AFFAIRS" AND SEEKS "POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE JUNTA'S OPPONENTS." IT ASSERTS WE FOLLOW A DOUBLE STANDARD IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. IT CONCLUDES ON THE NOTE: "WE WILL SURVIVE IN SPITE OF EFFORTS OF LONG-STANDING ENEMIES, YESTERDAY'S FRIENDS AND TODAY'S HYPOCRITES".

2. GOC-OWNED "EL CRONISTA" GAVE THE LETTER A BIG PLAY DECEMBER 27. SIGNERS INCLUDED INDEPENDENT TRUCK OWNERS' LEON VILARIN, THE DURAN NEUMANN BROTHERS AND OTHERS WIDELY KNOWN TO BE PINOCHET MEN.

3. COMMENT: THE LETTER IS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, ANOTHER GOC-SPONSORED EFFORT TO JACK UP NATIONALISTIC FERVOR. WHILE THE OSTENSIBLE BUTT OF THE JANUARY 4 PLEBISCITE IS THE UNITED NATIONS, AN IMPORTANT SUB-
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THEME WHICH WE EXPECT TO SEE GIVEN MORE EXPLICIT PLAY IN THE DAYS AHEAD IS THE INTERVENTIONIST ROLE OF THE US IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS. THE UN CONSTITUTES A NEBULOUS THREAT TO MOST CHILEANS. US INVOLVEMENT, FOR GOOD OR BAD, IS MORE CREDIBLE. A RESPONSE TO THE LETTER IS NEITHER EXPECTED NOR DESIRABLE.
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